



Winnetka Caucus Council Executive Committee

Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: 2024-08-27 from 7:30-9pm CDT

Meeting Location: Winnetka Library (Lloyd Room) + Google Meet

Meeting Title: Executive Committing Planning and Coordination Meeting

Attendees (6/10= Quorum):

1. Peter Eck
2. Stanton Anderson
3. Kathy Hamburger
4. [Laura Freechack](#)
5. Alex Ross
6. Patrick Conway
7. Ian Larkin
8. [Betsy Owens](#)
9. Doug Sutton
10. Jan Bawden

Chair Eck opened the meeting at 7:30PM

The EC discussed the need to notify the public, specifically would-be candidates, of the accelerated timeline set by the State of Illinois for filing Candidate paperwork with the Elections Board. It was decided that Jan Bawden would include update the website with information as well as post the Election Board's 2025 Candidate Guidelines.

Chair Eck then discusses the need for a written statement for Chairs to read to each candidate regarding the updated timeline.

The EC discussed Rule 81 regarding the timeline for requesting resumes and pre-interview responses at least 5 days prior to each interview.

The Interview process was discussed. Issues included when to tell teams of the number and names of applicants, and concern for the potential of this information to influence the interview and slating process. Further discussions included the process for arranging interviews and background checks concurrently.

It was agreed that prior to scheduling interviews, the Chairs of the slating committees needed to approve general Caucus questions and taxing body modifications, codify the assessment form, and possibly create a statement to share with the candidates regarding videotaping, confidentiality, the process if selected and options if not.

Stephen Dewart, Communications Team member in charge of building the survey reviewed the strengths and limitations of Survey Monkey. It was agreed that the inter-governmental questions regarding referenda would be the first question, and that Survey Materials would be ready for the September 5th launch.

It was agreed that social media would be instrumental in getting the word out about the Survey and that Peter and Laura would spearhead this effort.

Fall Town Hall logistics were discussed next. Chair Eck reviewed his [Fall Town Halls - General Policies and Pointers](#), and the group discussed how to maximize awareness and attendance. It was agreed that an all-Village postcard mailing would cost approximately \$5K including printing and postage. Fundraising for this effort is being considered.

Registration and voting and for the hybrid town hall is an on-going discussion. The EC will review various best practices, including a platform to handle Instant Runoff Voting.

Kathy Hamburger, Rules Chair, verified that the Caucus has reserved Skokie School Auditorium for the November 7th Town Hall.

The Chair concluded the meeting at 9:00 PM.